



## **Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2009**

**Chaired by Daniel Carr (President)**

### **Proposed GSA Constitution**

The Executive was presented with the University Registrar's comments on the new draft Constitution. These comments were discussed, along with new recommendations from the Governance Working Group, and a number of amendments were agreed to the current draft of the proposed GSA Constitution:

1. Council shall have the power to pass a vote of No Confidence, though this may be overturned by a simple majority vote at a referendum.
2. The clause stating that Trustees may decide on bonus payments, etc. shall be removed.
3. The GCRC Coordination Committee shall only be required to meet a minimum of four times per academic year.

The Executive agreed to support the proposed Constitution, subject to the changes agreed. Daniel Carr asked that any further desired changes to the Constitution be sent to him by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May in order to send a completed version to the membership as soon as possible after that.

### **Welcome Week 2009**

Rich Rhodes presented a draft timetable for Welcome Week 2009, which the Executive discussed extensively. Members proposed a number of ideas, and it was agreed that Rich Rhodes would take these away and adapt the draft plan, producing a final document in time for printing and distribution deadlines. It was agreed that in this final plan, alcohol and non-alcohol based events should not clash and therefore lead to drinking and non-drinking group segregation, that public liability insurance should be explored



before committing to any off-campus events, and that sports sessions should not clash with other events (particularly the Postgraduate Fair).

## **Other Business**

The Executive actioned Daniel Carr to explore with the University Registrar whether reserved business was being used to discuss agenda items that should be discussed in normal meetings and therefore include student representatives.

The Executive agreed that it was crucial for the Association to promote the Postgraduate Research Experience Survey and, in particular, the Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey. It was therefore decided to approach Vanbrugh College about running a stall in Vanbrugh foyer to promote these, with Association staff manning this stall and encouraging participation.

The Executive agreed that casual staff should not be paid by cheques or online transfers, but should be added to payroll and paid by BACS as regular staff members are.

Daniel Carr reported that work on the sports storage cupboard had almost been completed and would soon be available for use.